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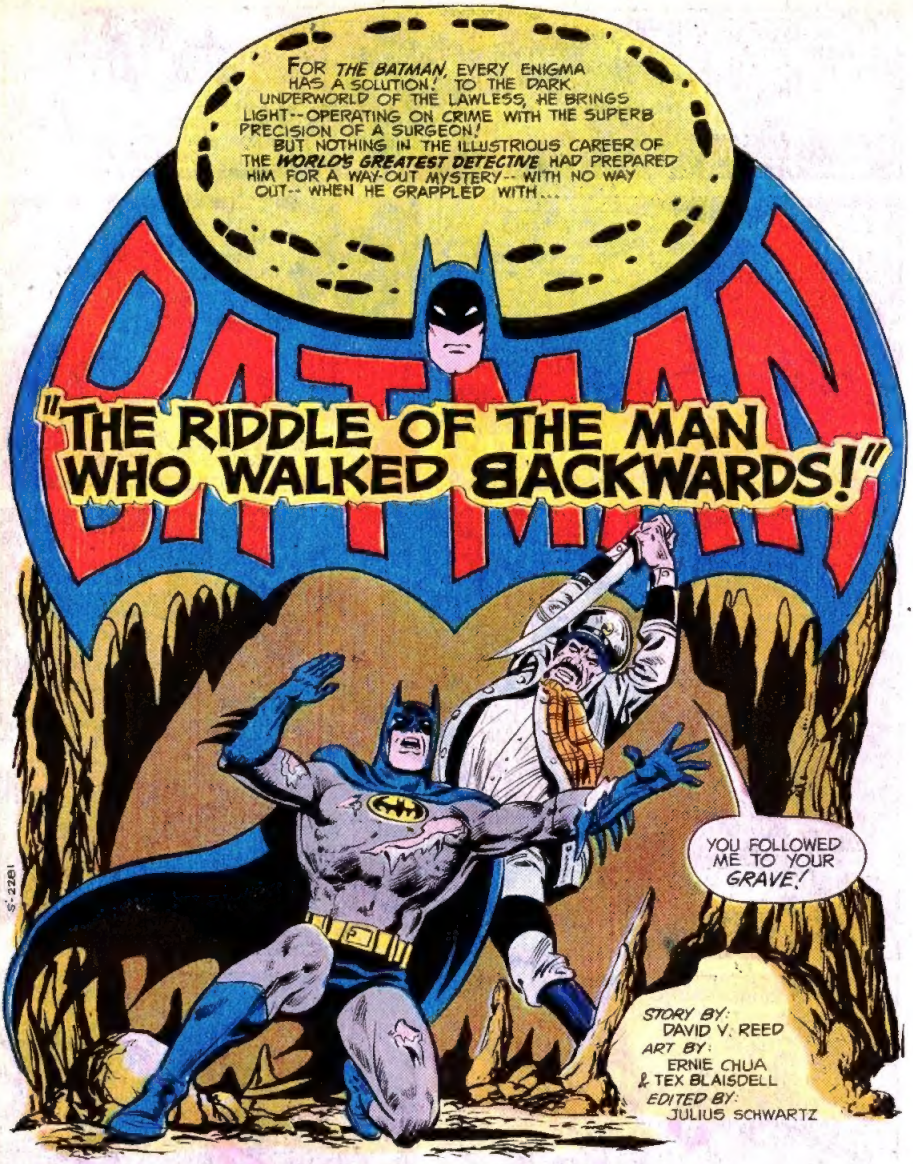
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SEE? EVEN A SWEET, SENSIBLE PERSON LIKE YOU CAN BE AFFECTED--
TELL YOU WHAT, SUSAN! JUST FOR LAUGHS, LET'S STROLL OVER TO COVE POINT TONIGHT!
WHAT DO YOU SAY?
WHAT I USUALLY SAY TO YOU, BRUCE --YES!
THAT NIGHT... A FULL MOON DAPPLES THE SEA... THE QUIET BROKEN ONLY BY ONRUSHING SURF...
THEN--AT THE APPROACH TO COVE POINT--
B-BRUCE--LOOK! COMING UP ON THE BEACH--!
I SEE IT!
GET BACK TO THE HOUSE --FAST!
NOTHING HERE BIG ENOUGH FOR A WEAPON--
--BUT THIS BRUSH SHOULD BE DRY ENOUGH TO BURN--!

RIPPPP
SWOOOSH
GONE!
BUT I STILL SAY... THERE AIN'T NO SUCH ANIMAL!
AND WHEN HE RETURNS TO HIS BEACH HOUSE...
MASTER BRUCE--WHAT HAPPENED?
MISS SUSAN SAID YOU SAW THE SEA MONSTER! SHE WAS HYSTERICAL!
WHERE IS SHE?
DRIVING TO TAMPA FOR THE FIRST PLANE BACK TO GOTHAM!
MY VACATION RUINED...BY A SEA MONSTER! THAT DOES IT!
SIR, SHALL I NOTIFY THE AUTHORITIES?
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NO, ALFRED--WHATEVER THIS IS ALL ABOUT --I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT MY WAY!

THE FOLLOWING NIGHT... ALONG THE DESERTED BEACH NEAR COVE POINT...
OFFSHORE A SMALL DINGHY ANCHORS...HIDDEN AMONG JUTTING ROCKS...
...FROM WHICH A MAN COMES WADING IN...
UNSEEN EYES OBSERVE HIM THROUGH AN INFRARED NIGHT-SCOPE AS HE COMES OUT OF THE WATER--
--HUNCHED OVER--AND WALKING BACKWARDS!
AS THE DIM FIGURE VANISHES BEHIND A HILLOCK, THE SAND SUDDENLY COMES ALIVE-- BEGINS TO STIR!...
THAT WAS NO SEA MONSTER--
--BUT EQUALLY INTERESTING!
NO FOOTPRINTS--?!
THAT'S WHY HE BENT OVER AND BACKED UP THE BEACH--ERASING HIS FOOTPRINTS AS HE WENT!
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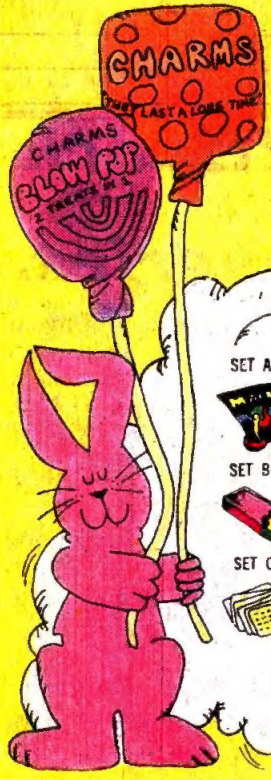

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THEN WHO...

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... YOU'RE ENTITLED TO HAVE A LAWYER PRESENT DURING QUESTIONING...
BRUCE WAYNE?! WHY IS HE CALLING ME THAT?
WHA--!?! I... I'M BRUCE WAYNE AGAIN!
MY BATMAN GARB GONE-- ALL BUT MY BOOTS!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?--WHAT AM I CHARGED WITH?
MURDER!
THE MURDER OF SAM TAGGART-- BLUDGEONED TO DEATH WITH HIS OWN PEG LEG!
SURE HATE TO DO THIS, WAYNE, BUT--
--I UNDERSTAND, SHERIFF! I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY!
THAT GROTESQUE CLAWED FOOT-PRINT NEAR TAGGART'S BODY--NOBODY SEEMS TO HAVE NOTICED IT!
SOON AFTERWARD AT THE SMALL PORT HATCHED JAILHOUSE...
I'LL BE BACK IN THE MORNING...
...WE'LL HAVE TO KEEP ALL YOUR PERSONAL ARTICLES TILL THEN...
BARELY HAS THE OUTSIDE JAILHOUSE DOOR CLANGED SHUT THAN THE PRISONER REMOVES HIS BOOT...
NOT ALL MY PERSONAL ARTICLES, SHERIFF...
SPECIFICALLY, MY BATMAN BOOT WITH ITS MINI-SIZED TOOLS!
FOUR MINUTES LATER--
NICE TIMING, ALFRED!

NOW FILL ME IN, FAST!
AFTER BURYING YOU IN THE SAND, SIR, I WAITED NEARBY, THEN SAW YOU RUN DOWN THE BEACH AND DISAPPEAR!
WHEN NOTHING HAPPENED, I INVESTIGATED--AND FOUND YOU AND TAGGART IN THE CAVE, BOTH UNCONSCIOUS!
I COULDN'T REVIVE YOU--I NEEDED HELP--SO I REMOVED YOUR BATMAN CLOTHES...
...RAN BACK TO THE HOUSE AND PHONED IN AN ANONYMOUS TIP TO THE SHERIFF!
MEANWHILE SOMEONE ELSE CAME--KILLED TAGGART, AND LEFT US THERE--
--FRAMING ME FOR THE MURDER!
SOMEONE ELSE? WHO--
THE SEA MONSTER!
BEG PARDON, SIR--?
THERE WAS SOMETHING IN THE CAVE THE SHERIFF MISSED IN THE CONFUSION--
-A HUGE, CLAWED FOOTPRINT--OUTLINED IN A BLACK SUBSTANCE--PROBABLY OIL!
WHERE COULD IT HAVE COME FROM?
OUT THERE IN THE GULF--THE OIL-RIG THAT SUSPENDED DRILLING OPERATIONS SOME MONTHS AGO--
--BUT MAYBE FOUND OTHER THINGS TO DO!
SEE YOU LATER!
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THE MAINTENANCE CREW MUST BE ON THE TENDER ALONGSIDE THE RIG!
INSIDE THE TENDER'S CABIN, THE RIG'S CREW IS BUSY WITH ITS OWN URGENCIES...
THE WAY I FIGURE, PEG-LEG TAGGART GOT ONTO OUR SKAM* AND WAITED FOR ME IN THE CAVE!
THEN THIS OTHER GUY WANDERED IN--SAW SOMETHING--AND TAGGART JUMPED HIM INSTEAD!
BUT I FIXED 'EM BOTH--PERMANENT!
*UNDERWORLD SLANG FOR SCHEME, CAPER! --EDITOR.
ANYWAY, THAT RULES OUT THE CAVE--BUT DELIVERY STILL HAS TO BE MADE TONIGHT--
--OR WE LOSE THIS GREAT THING WE GOT GOIN' FOR US!
UH-HUH! LOOKS LIKE I STRUCK OIL!

NO SWEAT-- WE'LL RADIO WE SWITCHED TO THE OTHER DROP-- UP RIVER TO DEADWOOD!
WE BETTER DO THE WHOLE TRIP UNDERWATER, USING THE MONSTER "COVER" AGAIN...
HOW COME? IT MAKES EVERYTHING TOUGHER!
-- BUT SAFER! YOU NEVER KNOW WHO'S AROUND--
--AND LIKE WE SAID BEFORE, WHO'S GONNA BELIEVE A TALL TALE ABOUT A SEA MONSTER?
I MIGHT!
THE BATMAN--?!
WHAT'S HE DOIN' HERE?
SAME THING I DO IN GOTHAM--
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AHHH
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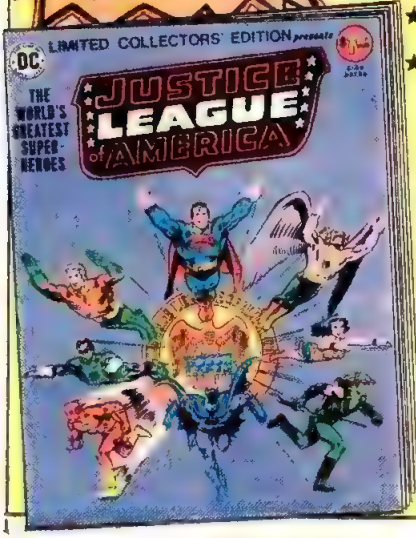

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SPLASH
GOOD!
READY TO DUMP THE BATMAN?
MOVE!
THAT'S RIGHT--
--FEET FIRST--
--DOWN HE GOES!
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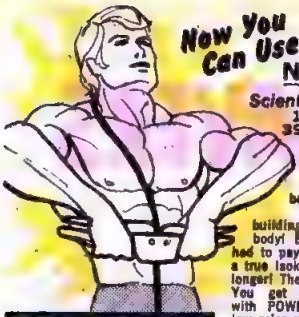

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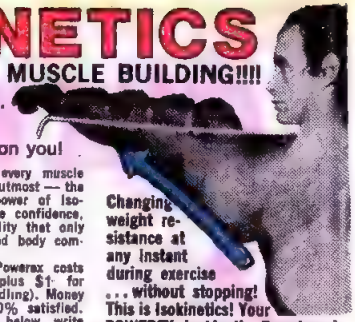

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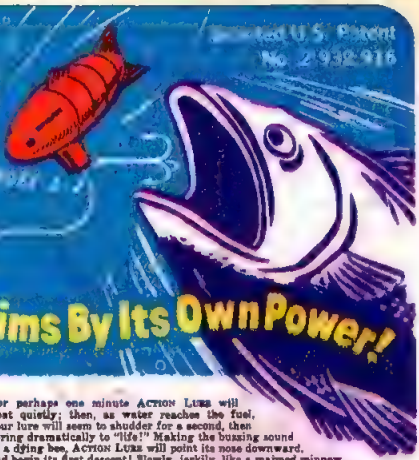

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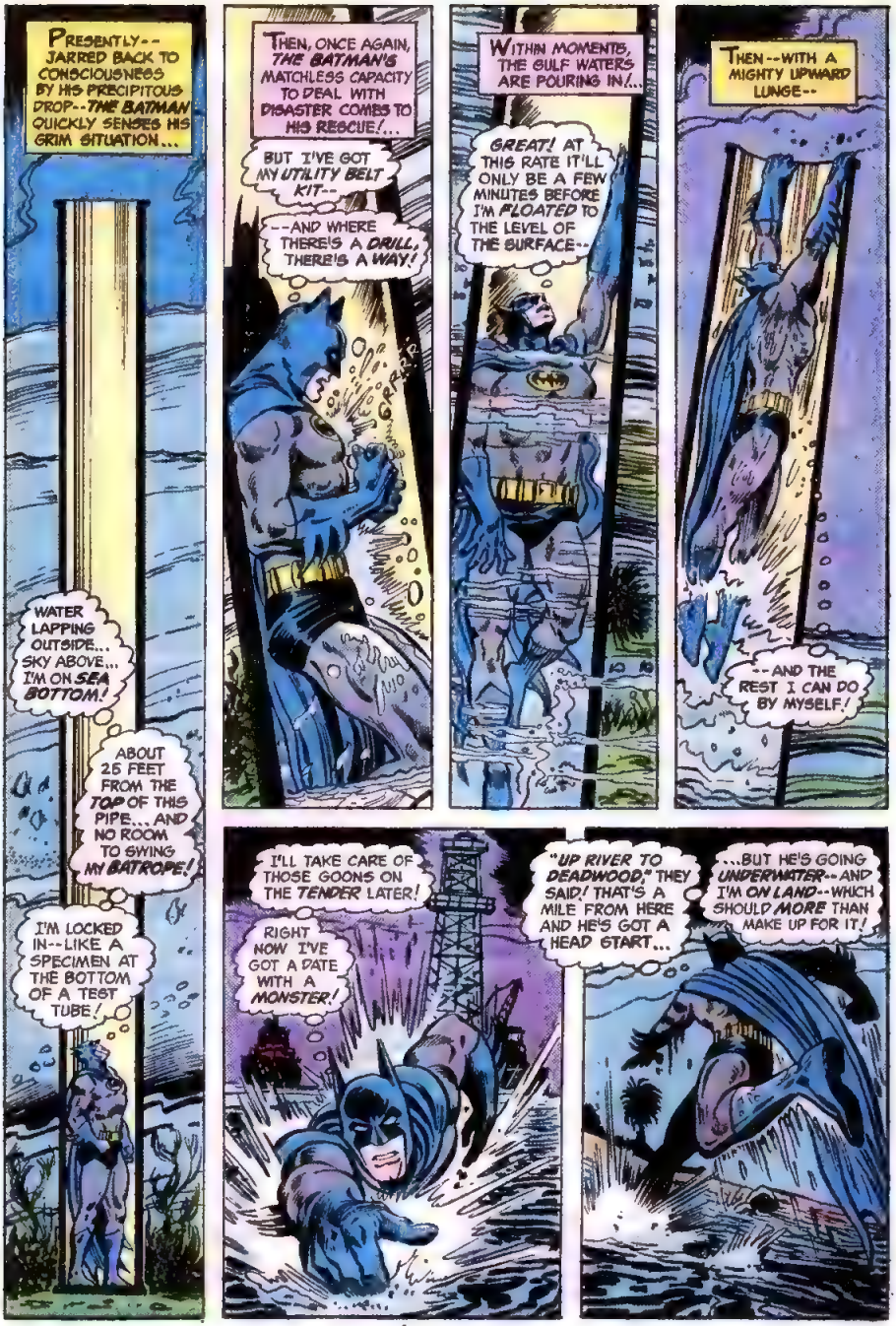
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THE MONSTER--IN PERSON!
OR SHOULD I SAY--THE PERSON--IN MONSTER!
THE PACKAGE I SAW AT THE OIL RIG--CARRIED ON HIS BACK INSIDE THAT GET-UP!
I'VE GOT A VERY GOOD IDEA OF WHAT'S IN IT!
I'VE SEEN ENOUGH--!
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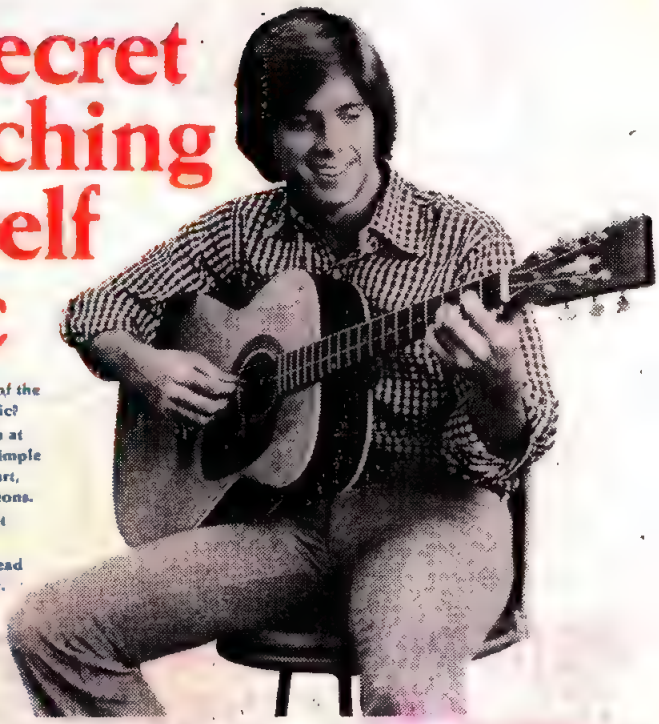

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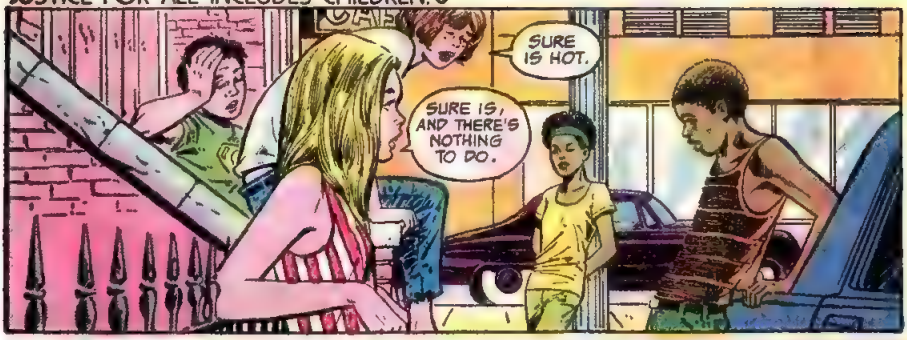

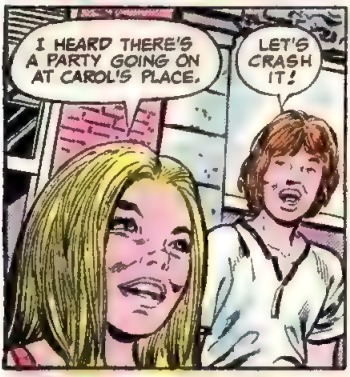

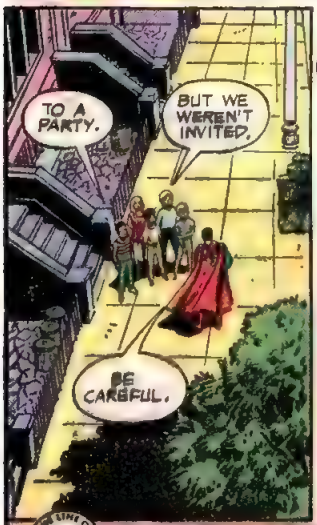

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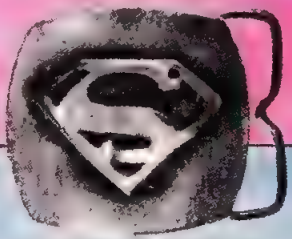

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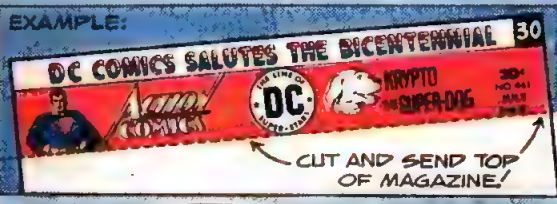

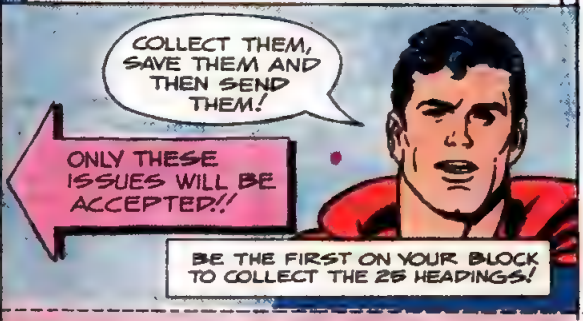
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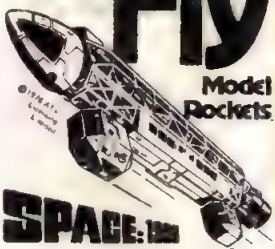

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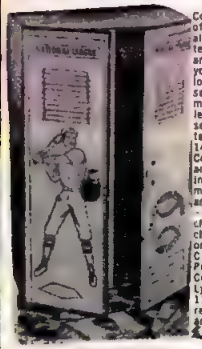

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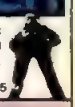

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NEXT AFTERNOON--
SUSAN, WHERE WERE WE WHEN THAT SEA MONSTER SO RUDELY INTERRUPTED?
YOU WERE ABOUT TO KISS ME... I THINK...
RIGHT! NOW... SHALL WE GO ON FROM THERE?
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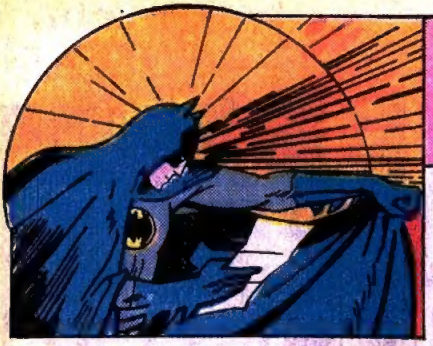

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LETTERS to the BATMAN

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Dear Editor,

If there is any one thing in David V. Reed's **Batman** tales that should be singled out as prominent, it is the use of super-powerful criminal organizations. Mr. Reed seems to enjoy pitting the Caped Crusader against impossible odds in the form of sinisterly well-organized crime-combines. Witness the recent battle with the Crime Exchange and the current matter of the Underworld Olympics. **Batman** is more than capable of handling a barrelful of crooks at a time and it's not often we see his amazing detective skills put to such fascinating use.

"The Bank Shot That Baffled Batman" (**BATMAN #273**) is one of the finest examples of the aforementioned traits. Here we see the Caped Crimebuster using an amazing combination of brain and brawn to outwit foes who were ahead of him at every turn but the last. Had the European team not had the bad breaks they did, I wonder if **Batman** would have succeeded in catching up with them. But at the end of the tale, **Batman** indicates that he knows this caper is somehow related to that of the South American criminals last issue, so at least he's on the right track!

ROD McLAUGHLIN, Ramsay, Mont.

(If Batman hadn't cracked the case, Rod, he wouldn't qualify for the title World's Greatest Detective and we'd probably have to make somebody else the star of this magazine! But speaking of detective work, our next correspondent is on a case of his own!—BR)

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Dear Editor,

It is now obvious who "David V. Reed" is!

Oh, I admit it took me a while to figure it out. After all, Bob Rozakis gave us all those clues, but how could we be sure they weren't red herrings? (A man who can chop up my letters is capable of any crime!)

Contemplating this mystery while watching TV, I fell asleep and awoke to find Tom Snyder cross-examining three gentlemen on his **TOMORROW** program—three gentlemen who turn out to be Carmine Infantino, Stan Lee and Julius Schwartz, titans of the comics industry. Mr. Lee hadn't changed from the last time I saw him and Mr. Infantino was very much like I imagined him. But the fellow claiming to be Mr. Schwartz was an obvious impostor. He was jovial, witty and definitely a life-of-the-party type of guy. Yet DC comics have always depicted Julie Schwartz quite differently. In **JLA #123** we saw the "gruff, blustery gentleman" chewing out Bates and Maggin and in **AMAZING WORLD OF DC COMICS #5** Len Wein described how the Schwartzian presence would reduce him to a cowering, quivering mass of protoplasm. Now certainly this cannot be the same man!

And then it hit me! Yes, friends, David V. Reed is, in reality, Julius Schwartz's long-lost lookalike cousin, **Julian Schwartz**, the mystery and science-fiction writer. Julian uses pen names so that no one can accuse him of cashing in on his cousin's reputation. In fact, Julian once tried to be an editor, but he didn't have the temperament for it. But he's great at parties and that's why Ye Editor sent him on the **TOMORROW** show to engage in that highly entertaining battle of wits with Mr. Lee.

Sorry, Julian, but it was inevitable that some brilliant reader like myself would ferret out your secret identity. That's the way the comics crumble!

PETER SANDERSON, New York, N.Y.

(An incredible piece of detective work, Peter—incredible and 100% WRONG! There is only one Julie Schwartz, the gruff and blustery life-of-the-party, and none of him is David V. Reed! But now, back to comments on BATMAN #273.—BR)

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Dear Bob,

I think David V. Reed has established himself as an excellent portrayer of the Caped Crusader and **BATMAN #273** only proves this point. Even while keeping the Darknight Detective in the dark as to the existence of the Underworld Olympics, Dave has **Batman** solving the crimes and stopping the crooks without even knowing their motives.

FRED SCHNEIDER, New York, N.Y.

. . . . David Reed's magnificent story moved quite quickly with the scorekeeping scenes blending nicely. It was also great to see Bruce Wayne doing his duties for once and I loved the part where Batman nabbed Chomsky because of his hobnailed shoes. It was so subtle on page 11 that I didn't even notice it! **MIKE WHITE, Mackinaw, Ill.**

. . . . Progress Report re: "The Bank Shot That Baffled Batman!"

The writing department received 10 points for originality, 10 points for plot coordination and structure and 5 points for dialogue.

The art department was awarded 10 points for excellence in story illustration, 5 points for the cover, 5 points for **Batman's** physical appearance, and 5 points for coloring.

Overall comments: Believability—10 points; Enjoyment—10 points; Interest and desire to read the next episode—10 points.

Grand Total: 80 points of a possible 100. Not bad! **MICHAEL D. DARGAY, Royal Oak, Mich.**

(Hey, how come the letter column didn't get any points?—Bob Rozakis)

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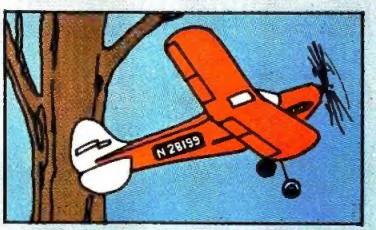

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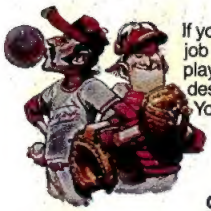

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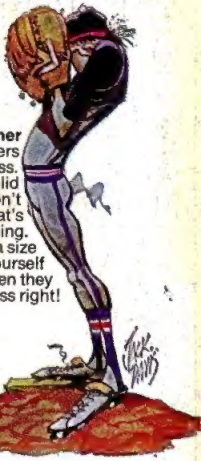

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